adjourned the House, I have never adjourned the Question Hour like this. No. Not under pressure. (*Interruptions*).

श्रीमति सत्या बहिन: महोदया, मैं यह जानना चाहती हूं स्वास्थ्य मंत्री जी से...(व्यवधान)...स्वास्थ्य की जांच करेंगे या नहीं? ...(व्यवधान)...

उपसभापति: बैठ जाइए। ...(व्यवधान)...बैठिए, मिस्टर नारायण सामी । आप लोग बैठ जाइए। ...(व्यवधान)...

Mr. Narayanasamy, please take your seat. Question No. 83.... (व्यवधान) आप राज्य सभा की प्रोपर्टी का मिस-यूज न करें...(व्यवधान) आप लोग बैठ जाइए You can't do that. We should not tamper with it, leave it. आप बोलिए मगर उसको छुइए मत। ...(व्यवधान) इसको छुइए मत।

Mr. Jain, this is not proper. This is the property of the Rajya Sabha and of your also... (*Interruptions*)... Please don't do it. If everything is not proper in this House, I am responsible for the House, not for the world. Go back to your seats. If you go back to your seats. I will discuss the matter with the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Sikander Bakht, in my chamber and we will find out how we should discuss whatever he wants to say. Please go back to your seats.

Now, I adjourn the House for 15 minutes.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Comparative study on the dangers of Tobacco usage and dangers of pollution in cities

*81. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has conducted any comparative study on the dangers of tobacco usage and dangers of pollution in highly polluted metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that core areas in the large cities are extremely polluted?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur has carried out ambient air quality monitoring in ten major cities of India viz. Ahmedabad, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kanpur, Cochin, Madras and Nagpur in collaboration with Central Pollution Control Board. According to the air quality survey, the levels of sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen oxides in these major cities are well within the prescribed limits, while the levels of suspended particulate matters in these cities are on the higher side, which is due to the natural dusty conditions and increaseing density of vehicular traffic.

Setting up of a committee to review railway fare and freight

*83. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a Committee to review Railway fare and freight;

(b) if so, what is the composition and states of the Committee and date on which it was constiuted;

(c) whether the socio-ecosomic conditions of the country would also be taken into consideration by the Committee;

(d) the time by when the Committee is likely to submit its report to Government; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee was constituted on 24.10.91 and it consists of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Member, who are experts in the field of transport economics and railway working.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The Committee is expected to submit its report by end of December, 1993.

US solution to Kashmir Issue

*84. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India dated 11th October, 1993 to the effect that Washington Accord on Palestine would embolden the US to arm twist India and Pakistan into accepting an American solution to the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government and steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government will resume bilateral talks with Pakistan's new regime to settle the Kashmir issue to avoid the dictates of the US; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government have seen media reports to this effect. Government are committed to resolving all differences with Pakistan bilaterally and peacefully in accordance with the Simla Agreement. There is no scope for any outside or third party involvement of any sort;

(c) and (d) Pursuant to a message from Prime Minister to the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the latter's response, a Joint Staetment issued by both the Governments on 24 November, 1993 reaffirms that in accordance with the Simla Agreement. Foreign Secretary-level talks would be held between the two countries at Islamabad from 1—3 January, 1994, during which comprehensive discussions on bilateral issues including J & K would take place.

Discussions on Bi-lateral issues with China

*85. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister visited Beijing recently;

(b) if so, what are the areas of talks held with the Chinese Government for improving bilateral relations between the two countries; and

(c) what are the issues on which an agreement has been arrived at between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister, Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao, visited China from September 6-9-1993.

The Prime Minister discussed a range of bilateral issues including high level visits, exchanges and cooperation in various fields including trade, economic, scientific, educational and cultural fields, and the boundary question. The discussions were extensive and covered all areas which are of interest and concern to us.

The visit resulted in the signing of four agreements, namely, an agreemen